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SPORTS

JACK M'FADDEN

Of Jack M'Fadden whom all Honolulu know, the San Francisco Chronicle has the following to say. The fight was to have been pulled off last Friday night before the Hayes Valley Athletic Club.

Several new faces will also be introduced. Jack M'Fadden, who will clash with that busy little featherweight, Johnny Murphy, comes of a fighting family. His brother, 'Kid' M'Fadden was a tough man to beat in his prime, and as Jack has won the championship of Honolulu during his short ring career, he bids fair to rival his brother. If he can defeat Murphy his

stock will take an upward bound, as no sturdier or harder hitting featherweight has been developed here in some time than Murphy.
The Call also speaks of M'Fadden as a "Great little boxer."

RACES AT WAILALUA

On New Year's day at Wailalua a number of horse races are scheduled. Following are a few of those on the program:
Half-mile dash (two).
Quarter-mile dash.
Three-eighths-mile dash.
Half-mile dash (Japanese).
Half-mile dash and repeat.
There will also be several match races.

CAPTAIN PORTER IS SUSPENDED

CHIEF INSPECTOR SAYS HE WAS NEGLIGENCE—FIRST OFFICER IS COMPLETELY EXONERATED.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 28.—Supervising Inspector John Birmingham yesterday rendered a decision depriving Captain W. P. S. Porter, who was in command of the Mongolla when she stranded at Midway Island on September 22nd, of his license for a period of six months. He has restored to the title, William Martin, his license, which had been ordered suspended by U. F. Bolles and John K. Bulger, inspectors of Hula and Hula. Both of these inspectors agreed as to taking Martin's license away for six months, but they disagreed as to Captain Porter. Bolles recommended suspending his license for six months, while Bulger was in favor of completely exonerating him, and putting all the blame for the disaster on Martin.

As Captain Birmingham points out in his decision, there was an immense amount of contradictory testimony. The only thing that can be definitely ascertained is that the ship stranded. She was approaching Midway Island, which is surrounded by a dangerous reef, for the purpose of landing George G. Ward, vice-president of the Pacific Cable Company. Captain Porter had been given instructions by R. P. Schwerin of the Pacific Mail to approach the island only in daylight. It was after 10 o'clock at night when his ship went aground. Captain Porter was on the bridge at the time, and First Mate Martin was on the forward deck taking soundings. That he did not give the correct soundings, and thereby misled the captain as to the nearness of the vessel to the land was the contention of the latter. This was the view taken by Bulger, who wished Porter exonerated.

Among the reasons given by Birmingham for suspending Porter, one is that he did not take bearings and find out the boat's exact distance from the Midway Island light when it was sighted at 8:56 p. m. He also calls attention to the captain's admission that when the ship struck she was a mile out of her course—"a fatal mile." Captain Birmingham characterizes it. He also says that when Porter felt dissatisfied as he testified he felt, with the soundings reported by Martin, he should have ordered the boat stopped.

There is a conflict of testimony as to just when the Mongolla was stopped. The chief engineer testified that the engines were stopped at 10:10 o'clock and put full speed astern at 10:25 two minutes before the boat struck. Officer Weisenhaven and Quartermaster Wagner said that the boat was on the reef before the engines were ordered stopped and reversed. Captain Porter acknowledges receiving word from Martin at 10 o'clock that there were only forty fathoms, an indication that the boat was near the reef, but said he did not believe the sounding correct. He denies receiving a seventeen-fathom report at 10:18 p. m. Weisenhaven says he gave him both these reports. Officer Cahill says that he warned Porter of the boat's proximity to the reef and plotted on the chart the exact position of the boat. These markings were afterward erased by some one. There were also alterations made in the log and in the report of the soundings, but by whom no one knows.

In exonerating Martin, Birmingham differs from Porter, who says the soundings were unskillfully taken. At any rate, he says, Martin should be given the benefit of the doubt. Captain Porter's navigation of the ship he pronounces negligent and unskillful, although he says that no master sailing out of this port has a better reputation than Porter.

Captain Porter has recourse in an appeal to Supervising Inspector-General George Uhler at Washington.

PROSPECTS FOR REFUNDING.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17.—There are poor prospects of any favorable action in the House on the Hawaiian refunding bill. Speaker Cannon is still opposed to the principle involved in such a thing. The bill that passed the Senate at the last session of Congress was referred to the House Committee on Territories. That committee had reported favorably on such a bill but it will now have to act on the Senate bill.

NEW JOB FOR BARRET.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—At a meeting presided over by Secretary Root of the State Department today the executive committee of the bureau of American republics elected John Barrett of Oregon, at present American Minister to Colombia, to be director of the bureau.

HUSTACE TO BE NEW CHAIRMAN

COX WILL BE VICE-CHAIRMAN—SUPERVISORS-ELECT CAUCUS—ROAD MAN TALK SECRET.

At a caucus of the Supervisors-elect, following the meeting of the present Board of Supervisors last evening, Charles Hustace, Jr., was elected chairman and Andrew Cox vice-chairman.

Frank Archer was named for the chair by Frank Harvey and seconded by Joseph Fern. Hustace was named by Cox and seconded by Archer. Harvey and Fern voting in the negative, the vote for Hustace was five to two.

Cox was unanimously elected vice-chairman.

The Supervisors-elect decided to keep secret their discussion in regard to the new road supervisor and other interesting matters.

WANT TO KNOW WHAT ROOT THINKS

JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMITTEE REQUEST GOVERNOR TO CONFER WITH STATE DEPARTMENT

It was decided yesterday afternoon at the conference of the joint committee of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association with Governor Carter, to have the latter communicate with Secretary of State Root about the proposed Pan-Pacific consular congress. The purpose is to ascertain the attitude of the State Department relative to the matter.

The meeting was held in executive session. Governor Carter was requested by the committee to further acquaint the State Department with the fact that from the nature of the consular congress, it would in all likelihood, attract commercial interests here and might become a more pretentious gathering than was at first thought.

It was suggested during the discussion that various societies be requested to pass resolutions favoring the project and if they did pass such resolutions, to forward them to the Department of State.

LITTLE CHANCE FOR FORTS.

There seems to be small prospects at the present session of Congress for any additional appropriation being secured for fortifications in Hawaii. The War Department would like to have \$350,000 additional to the \$260,000 appropriated at the last session of Congress for Hawaiian fortifications, but General John P. Storey who came here to select sites for the fortifications, has not even reported. He is still in the Philippines on similar work in that part of the insular possessions.

BIG DAMAGE TO NUUANU DAM.

Contractor L. M. Whitehouse estimates that the damage done the Nuuanu dam during the recent storms will amount to \$6,000. The principal damage done was washing out the temporary dam built back of the workings and the washing of the temporary dam into the excavations by the concrete core. Whitehouse says that there is no foundation for the report that the concrete core wall is cracked or sinking.

MAY ADVANCE CLAIMS.

Representative James M. Miller of Kansas, the chairman of the House Committee on Claims, has been requested to advance on the list the item of \$23,000 to reimburse the Territory for the maintenance of the light-house system immediately following annexation. The claim is not near the first of the list and if it be considered in its regular order it will not be reached this session of congress.

NO MORE PASSES.

In conformity with the Inter-State Commerce Law there will be no more passes issued by the O. R. & L. Co. after January 1. Manager Ballentyne is looking up the law in regard to the street railway and the granting of passes.

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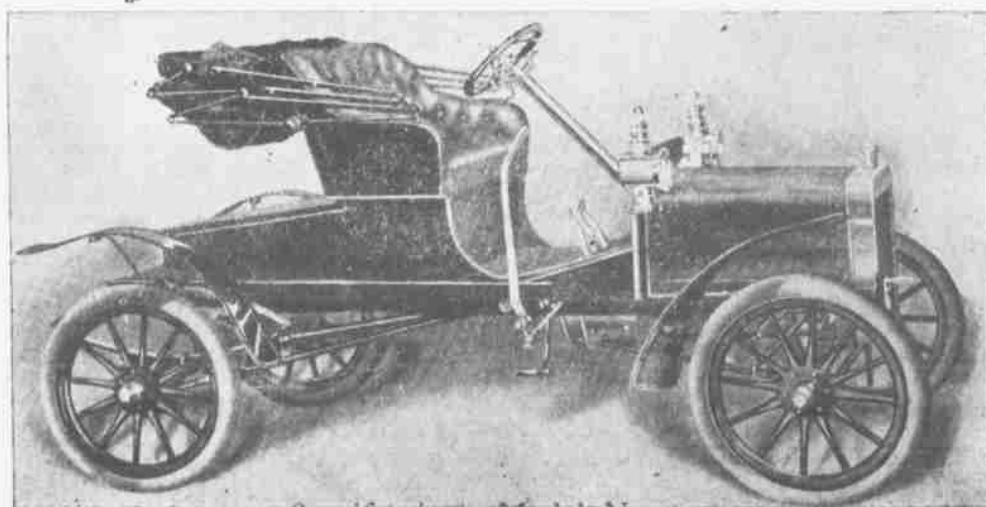
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